

## THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## MAKING EFFORT TO LOCATE CYPRESS TANK MANUFACTORY HERE

The Concern Now Operating in Florida But Wants to Come Here—They Want to Buy Cypress Timber Lands—The Chamber Discusses Late Trains on C. C. and W. C. and A. Railroads.

At the meeting of the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon a number of important matters were informally discussed; but no definite action taken upon any question, owing to the small attendance, there not being a quorum present.

A very important matter brought to the attention of the chamber was the desire on the part of a very extensive cypress tank manufacturing concern now doing business in Florida, to move their plant to or near Wilmington and buy extensive cypress lands in this section.

The concern now employs about 40 men in their manufactory and will want about five acres of land well located as a site for their plant. And they would, if located here, purchase large tracts of cypress timber.

The fact was developed during the progress of the discussion that the company in question is one of the most extensive and best known in the country and the chamber is now getting together data concerning the available supply of cypress, cost and accessibility, etc., which will be forwarded to the company within a few days.

Another matter which was informally discussed yesterday was that of the continued late arrival of passenger and mail trains, especially on the Carolina Central and Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta roads. The assertion was made that the trains on these roads are often from thirty minutes to an hour late, thereby working to the material detriment of the business interests of the city by not allowing the business men of the city time to answer correspondence by return mail and by curtailing the time that passengers arriving here on these trains have to transact the business on which they come, do their trading, etc.

Regarding the movement to have the city authorities clear up the grass which has accumulated on the sides of streets, along street car tracks, etc. in certain sections of the city, President Jacob said the progress being made in the accomplishment of this very important move was not as satisfactory as he desired, but some progress is being made. No statement was made as to the progress of the effort to have the government dry dock, if moved from Port Royal, located at the mouth of the Cape Fear, but President Jacob said that the committee to whom the matter has been referred are working faithfully to this end and will do all they can to secure the dry dock.

The chamber now stands adjourned until September 1st unless some unexpected contingency arises which will necessitate a special meeting.

## MARION BUTLER'S BUGABOO

Was Afraid to Run Up Against the Red Shirts at Warsaw Went From Goldsboro to His Home With a Body Guard

A gentleman who was on the train on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad when United States Senator Marion Butler came down to his home at Elliot Tuesday afternoon, was telling the story yesterday about Butler's body guard. He was at Goldsboro when Butler came in from Raleigh on the Southern train and he says that about fifteen populists from Sampson county met him at the train. Butler took the gang over to the Hotel Kennon and he and the party went up to a room and remained there till dinner was ready.

When dinner was ready, Butler and his henchmen went into the dining room together and when they finished dinner they went up to the room which Butler had engaged. There they waited till the 3:30 p. m. train arrived, bound south.

When they took the train Butler went into the second-class coach and took a seat midway the car with his body guard seated around and near him. The Messenger's informant says one of the faithful remained at the car door, and it was evident that they feared someone wanted to go up against Butler.

At Faison an old Pop. and a young man said to the door-keeper: "Hello, is the old man on board?" "Yes, he is," replied the door-keeper, "you can go in and shake hands with him." The young Pop. said: "By God, I'm going with you to see him out," and the door-keeper answered: "I've got my brothers along and we are going to carry him home."

The gentleman who heard the conversation says the body guard was along because it was feared the red shirts at Warsaw wanted to get a chance at Butler. They said there was always a band of red shirts standing around the depot at Warsaw, and they were prepared for them. Our informant says there was not a red shirt there and only a few citizens were scattered around. No one, he says, offered any indignities to Butler.

At Warsaw several more Pops met Butler, and all the gang took the Clinton train with him, and accompanied him to his home at Elliot, near Clinton.

## Death of Mr. J. C. Kirkham

News was received in this city yesterday of the death of Mr. J. C. Kirkham which occurred at his home in Florence about 12:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was at one time a resident of this city and had many friends here. He was for many years an engineer for the Atlantic Coast Line. He was seriously injured by a fall from his engine a number of years ago since which time he has not been able to run on the road and has not been in active service.

Mr. W. J. Kirkham, a son of the deceased who resides in this city, left yesterday afternoon for Florence to attend the funeral. Another son and a daughter reside in Florence.

## Will Enter University of Tennessee

Mrs. Dr. W. B. Storm and son, Walter, left yesterday for Sewanee college (University of Tennessee) where Mr. Walter Storm will enter school for the ensuing school year. Mrs. E. J. Powers and son, Roy, also left for the same destination and Mr. Roy Powers will also enter this popular school.

## AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY

## Board of Hospital Managers and County Audit Committee in Session Yesterday Afternoon—Notable Reports and Bills

The city hospital board of managers were in session yesterday for the purpose of receiving the report of Dr. Lane, physician in charge, and passing upon the bills for the current expenses of the institution. Members of the board present were Commissioners McEachern, Holmes and Montgomery and Aldermen Springer and Spencer.

The report of Dr. Lane for July showed that there remained in the hospital June 30th 13 patients, that 22 were admitted during July; that 22 were discharged, 4 died and 21 were under treatment July 31st. Of the patients treated 23 were white and 23 colored, 24 were from the city, 12 from the county and 12 were pay patients.

The average cost per day of provisions for patients and employees of the hospital was 16 cents per capita.

## THE COUNTY AUDITING COMMITTEE

After the meeting of the city hospital board of managers there was a session of the county auditing committee, during which they passed upon bills against the county for current expenses. Possibly the most notable bill passed upon was that covering jail expenses during July, which amounted to \$268.25, and the most notable item on the bill in question was 150 jail fees of 60 cents each. The jailer is entitled to a 60 cent fee for every prisoner he locks in the jail. A gentleman who is familiar with the county affairs said yesterday that the jail fees bill this month is probably three times as large as he ever knew it to be before, and he accounted for the increase by saying that some magistrates are more than ever making a practice of putting prisoners in jail, having them locked up and then within a few months releasing them on bond, when under the circumstances they should not have been locked up at all.

As the Messenger has stated before several very important reforms are needed in the magisterial and criminal court system of New Hanover county, which under present conditions abuses the taxpayers of the county to needless expense. The county commissioners are doing all in their power to remedy the evils but a legislative enactment will be necessary to accomplish the most important changes, especially the enlargement of the jurisdiction of the magistrates so as to avoid carrying a great number of trivial cases to the higher court which should be disposed of by the magistrates, and as some who have given the matter careful study claim is a still better change, the establishment of a recorder's court, with enlarged jurisdiction and continuous session.

## Ex-Solicitor M. C. Richardson Dead.

The Sampson Democrat of August 9th says:

"On last Thursday morning, the 2nd inst., at twenty minutes to four o'clock, Milton Cobb Richardson died, in the fifty-sixth year of his age."

Mr. Richardson was a native of Johnston county, having located in Clinton soon after the war for the practice of his profession, the law. He lived here ever since, except for a few months when he lived in Kinston. He married Miss Susan C. Powell, daughter of ex-Sheriff A. S. C. Powell, who survives him, together with four children, Mrs. Grady Smith, Messrs. D. A. and Jamie Richardson, and Miss Nannie Richardson. At one time Mr. Richardson did a lucrative law practice, and in 1894, was elected solicitor of this district, making a capable and popular official. He was possessed of many noble impulses, being kind of heart and a charitable disposition, which made for him many steadfast friends. When the town of war was sounded Mr. Richardson was a mere youth, but as soon as he reached the age that would permit him to do so, he joined the confederate army and served gallantly till the close. The interment was in the Clinton cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

## Has Earned a Rest

The Greensboro Record of August 7th says:

"The constant, untiring work of Chairman A. M. Seales, of the county executive committee, entitles him to a rest. He left this morning for Wilmington and the seashore, where he will spend several days. Through two campaigns he has successfully led the democratic party to victory. This year his duties of the position to which he was chosen were most delicate and intricate, yet he guided the party through internal dissensions that at times looked like a dangerous rupture, and landed a large and easy majority for everything democratic for the year down. Three cheers for Seales and his able, clean and honorable way of conducting campaigns."

## Drowned in the Surf

The Charleston Evening Post, of August 7th, says:

"Mr. Charles C. West, the freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, was drowned at 10:15 o'clock last night on the Sullivan's Island beach, in front of the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Bird. The drowning was the unfortunate and sad culmination of a happy party, which had just been given to Mr. West's sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward E. West, on the beach."

Mr. West, who lost his life so tragically had many acquaintances in Wilmington and they deeply regret to learn of his untimely end.

## Ninety-Three Babies on One Trip

The steamer Wilmington is growing in popularity during this hot weather. The trips to the pier are patronized by large crowds every day and as an indication of the very great popularity there were on board during one trip yesterday 93 babies, not to mention the mothers and numerous small children, and gentlemen as well. There is no more pleasant way of spending an afternoon than on the steamer Wilmington, especially during her 5:15 and 7:30 p. m. trips.

## Death of Mrs. Hashagen

Relatives in Wilmington have received the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Anna Hashagen, widow of the late Mr. Henry G. Hashagen. She passed away July 25th, at her home in Hanover, Germany, and was aged 60 years.

Mrs. Hashagen formerly resided here and our esteemed townsman Mr. F. E. Hashagen, is her step son. For the past ten years she has been residing in the land of her nativity, where she leaves two children, Mr. William Hashagen and Miss Anna Hashagen.

## THE CRIMINAL COURT

## FOURTH DAY'S SESSION OF THE AUGUST TERM

Mamie Sheridan Sentenced to Pay a Fine of One Hundred Dollars and the Costs, Nearly One Hundred More, for Keeping a Disorderly House. Several Minor Cases Disposed Of

Pursuant to adjournment for recess on Wednesday evening, the Circuit Criminal court met yesterday at 9 a. m. His Honor Judge Augustus M. Moore presiding.

In the trial of the case against Mamie Sheridan, a white woman charged with keeping a disorderly house on Fourth street between Church and Castle streets, the defendant was convicted Wednesday afternoon but sentence was deferred until yesterday morning. When the court met, Solicitor Duffy prayed sentence and Judge Moore thereupon sentenced the woman to pay a fine of \$100 and the costs, amounting to nearly \$100 more. It was ordered that the costs be paid in cash and a writ for the taking in custody of the defendant be issued if the fine is not paid by Monday next.

During the sitting yesterday the court disposed of the following cases:

B. A. Carter, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

B. A. Carter, carrying concealed deadly weapon, guilty. Defendant fined \$5 and required to pay the costs of the trial.

Riley Smith, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Defendant fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Lonny Gurganus, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Defendant fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Isiah West, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Henry Little, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, verdict guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

Josh Simons, a Syrian, larceny of a sum of money and a pocket book, verdict guilty. Judgment suspended.

The court at 6 p. m. took a recess till 9 o'clock this morning.

It is quite probable that the court will finish up the docket and adjourn sine die this afternoon.

## STENOGRAPHER FOR GRAND JURY

Judge Moore, of the Criminal Circuit Court, Has Recommended That the Commissioners Appoint One

Upon application of the grand jury of the circuit criminal court of New Hanover county, now in session, His Honor Judge Augustus M. Moore has recommended that the chairman of the board of county commissioners appoint a stenographer to the grand jury for this term.

As it is very important that the jury should have a stenographer, and, in fact, it is a necessity to that body, the chairman of the board of commissioners will doubtless employ a stenographer to be in attendance for duty at today's sitting of the jury.

During the course of its investigations and in the preparation of presentments and indictments, the grand jury is frequently compelled to take a great volume of testimony, and in view of the fact that in the trial of cases sent up to court by the jury many of the witnesses testify directly to the contrary to their statement made under oath before the jury, it will be seen that the employment of a stenographer will put a check upon this flagrant perjury on the part of witnesses.

The employment of a stenographer will also relieve the grand jury of a great deal of work, will facilitate its investigations, and will no doubt be a step in the right direction, from an economic point of view.

The purpose of the grand jury, however, in having a stenographer is to put a stop to the perjury of witnesses, and it is hardly necessary to say that the court is determined to prosecute all witnesses who testify in court directly to the reverse of their sworn testimony before the jury.

## Not Able to Attend Court

John McGuire, colored, who was struck in the temple and had an artery severed Tuesday night, by a beer glass in the hands of Mary Brown, colored, was not able to attend the preliminary hearing yesterday. He is still at the city hospital, but Dr. W. W. Lane, the surgeon in charge, thinks he will be able to get up to town to-day.

If McGuire can attend court to-day, Justice J. M. McGowan will give Mary Brown a preliminary hearing this afternoon at 5 o'clock, on the charge of assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

## Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, for they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. True, this tube can get inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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## CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER

M. H. Kuhn Held for Throwing His Wife Out of a Window

Philadelphia, August 9.—M. H. Kuhn, formerly of Richmond, Va., was held without bail to-day, on the charge of throwing his wife out of a window of their home in this city on April 25th. Mrs. Kuhn died on Monday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. D. Hall, in Richmond, from the injuries received from her fall. The couple had been quarreling and it is charged that Kuhn threw his wife out of a window and then leaped out himself. Both were removed to a hospital. Mrs. Kuhn threw his wife out of a window and the husband, after recovering from his injuries, was released on nominal bail. He was re-arrested to-day.

## BUTLER WAS NOT PRESENT

## Meeting of Populist National Executive Committee—Butler's Attitude Causes Concern to the Members

Chicago, August 9.—The populist national executive committee held two sessions here to-day, but contrary to expectations, Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, the chairman of the national committee, was not present, and no one seemed to know whether he would come to Chicago for the meeting. Harry Tracey, of Texas, was the only other member of the committee who was not present.

The committee discussed informally the withdrawal of Charles A. Towne, the populist candidate for vice president, but the members did not fix upon a date for the calling together of the entire national committee. The executive committee has no power to fill the vacancy. This must be done by the national committee and it is apparently expected that it will meet before long and select Adlai E. Stevenson as the populist candidate for vice president.

There seemed to be a good deal of apprehension among the members of the committee in regard to the attitude of Senator Butler on the vice presidential situation. There has been a strong rumor to the effect that the North Carolina populist would take the bit between his teeth and insist that a populist be named for vice president on the populist ticket. It is said that a member of the committee takes the other view of the situation and believes Mr. Bryan will be able to win over Butler in case the latter takes an antagonistic stand regarding the selection of Mr. Stevenson. J. G. Johnson, chairman of the democratic national executive committee, was in conference for a short time with the populists.

## LORD ROBERTS' REPORT

## He Cables of More Fighting—More Boers Surrender

London, August 9.—The following report dated Pretoria, August 8th, has been received from Lord Roberts:

"Kitchener was informed yesterday by an escaped British prisoner that De Wet's wagons had crossed the Vaal. Afterwards I heard the sound of guns, which, I think, must have been Methuen's, as I directed him to take up a position between Potchefstroom and Lindique, where he could intercept the enemy, who crossed the river at De Wet's drift."

"Kitchener is crossing the Vaal with cavalry and mounted infantry. Hunter reports that he made 4,104 prisoners in the Bethlehem-Harrismith district, a majority of whom are now en route for Cape Town. Three guns and 4,000 horses were captured and ten wagon loads of ammunition and 195,000 rounds of ammunition were destroyed. The garrison of Elands river, which, I fear, has been captured, consisted of about 300 Bushmen and Bapedians. I had hoped that Carrington had been in time to withdraw the garrison, but it seems that Delarey, learning of Ian Hamilton's approach to Rustenburg, hurried westward and surrounded the garrison before Carrington arrived."

"Methuen telegraphs that he engaged a part of DeWet's force yesterday near Beterskroon. He drove the enemy off of a succession of hills which they held obstinately. Our casualties were seven men killed or wounded, including four officers."

## The Gaynor-Green Case

New York, August 9.—The hearing in the proceedings against John F. W. T. and E. H. Gaynor and Benjamin D. Greene, indicted for alleged conspiracy with Captain Oberlin M. Carter, to defraud the government, looking toward their removal to the jurisdiction of the Georgia federal courts for trial, was resumed before Commissioner Shields to-day.

J. W. O. Searies, chief clerk of the United States engineers' office, Savannah, Ga., a witness in the proceedings several times before, today identified a number of documents in connection with harbor improvement work done by the Gaynors. The Gaynors' counsel attempted to prove that the various contracts in question, upon which the endorsement, either of the chief of the United States engineers or of the secretary of war. He also brought out the fact that Captain Carter's direction tri-monthly reports of the quality of materials used and the progress of the work were required of all assistant engineers and inspectors.

## Widows in China

The average Chinaman has a noted aversion to widows marrying a second time. Years ago it was impossible for a widow to have a second husband, but although the law of the Celestial empire now allows widows to marry again the woman who thus offends custom is held in very low esteem. Occasionally Chinese widows marry again, in spite of public opinion, and of late years the number has largely increased.

But a widow who remains a widow is very popular, and if her family is well-to-do and she suffers no inconvenience, it is much better for her not to enter again the matrimonial estate. She has abundant opportunities for good favor, and her works of virtue are much appreciated. The greatest virtue, however, is that of remaining a widow, and whatever her personal disposition, the Chinese will not hear a word against her character if she conforms to custom in this respect.

Although honored in life, she is honored more in death, and some of the graves of widows excel in magnificence the tombs of the richest mandarins.

## Andree Probably Lost in the Open Sea

The second vessel this year from the far north, the American bark Fluorine, arrived last night from Greenland. She was delayed by adverse winds and boisterous weather. The opinion on Greenland was that Andree, the Arctic explorer, was lost in the open sea and never reached Greenland. The other vessels of the fleet are daily expected, but it is not likely that they will bring any news from the lost explorer.—Philadelphia Record.

## W. T. Crawford Renominated

Asheville, N. C., August 8.—W. T. Crawford was nominated for congress by the democrats at the ninth district today by acclamation. Mr. Crawford received the certificate of election in 1898, but was unseated after a contest by Richmond Pearson, republican. It is probable Pearson will be renominated by the republicans at a convention to be held at Waynesville Wednesday next.

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people that need trunks can buy them cheap at my place, wholesale and retail; a nice zinc trunk for \$1.00 and up to \$4.50; roller tray trunks, well made, metal cover, large size, at \$4.75 to \$7.50; leather trimmed trunks at \$10.00 to \$12.50 each; suit cases at \$1.25 each; worth \$2.00; 300 boys' suits, just received; wash suits at 50c, sold at 38c; boys' good weight, wool finish suits, sizes from 8c to 15c at 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to \$3.00; 17 men's coats, made of duck, black with white stripes, at 48c each; 500 yards of Japanese silk, solid colors, red, garnet, black and navy blue, sold at 50 cents regular, to close out at 29 cents per yard; 150 yards silkline drape at 8 cents per yard; 100 old corsets to be closed out, sizes 18x19 and then 23x30, for 50 cents; these corsets were sold at \$1.00 to \$1.25.

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